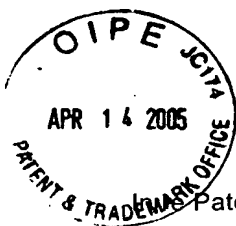


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Patent Application of

Kenji Masaki

Group Art Unit: 2131

Application No.: 09/753,601

Examiner: JENISE E JACKSON

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Title: OUTPUT SYSTEM AND OUTPUT METHOD USED IN THE SAME FOR PRINTING AND PRODUCING COPIES

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.☐ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$65.00 (2814) ☐ \$130.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.☐ Also enclosed is/are _____

_____☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$395.00 (2801) ☐ \$790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted _____
_____ on _____
for which continued examination is requested.☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	10	MINUS 20 =	0	x \$50.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	9	MINUS 9 =	0	x \$200.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$360.00 (1203)					\$ 0.00
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 0.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.
- ☐ Charge _____ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

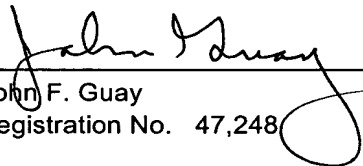
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated February 15, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims. Claims 1-10 currently are pending.

Applicant notes the Examiner's allowance of claims 3-4. The Examiner also indicates allowable subject matter with respect to claim 9. However, it appears the Examiner considers claim 9 to depend from a rejected base claim when, in fact, claim 9 had been rewritten in independent form to include all the features of original independent claim 8. Hence, it is believed claim 9 is allowable. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to withdraw the objection.

On pages 2-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 1-2, 5-8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103, as allegedly being obvious over Kakiuchi et al. patent (U.S. 6,687,017) in view of the Nagashima et al. patent (U.S. 5,581,613). This rejection cannot stand because the Kakiuchi et al. and Nagashima et al. patents, whether considered individually or in any combination, fail to teach or suggest each and every feature set forth in the independent claims, and hence also in their respective dependent claims.